By the King.

A PROCLAMATION.

CHARLES R.

WHereas We have fully resolved to use Our utmost Endeavours for the Preservation of the True Religion Established in this Kingdom, to which We have always adhered against all Temptations whatsoever; And in order to this great end, have thought fit to Command all Popish Priests and Jesuites, being Our Natural born Subjects, to depart out of, and not to return or come into this Our Kingdom, under such Penalties, and in such manner as is herein after expressed; We do therefore by this Our Royal Proclamation, strictly Charge and Command all Jesuites and Priests whatsoever, being Our Natural born Subjects, who have taken Orders from the See of Rome, or by the Authority, or pretended Authority thereof, and not being under restraint by Imprisonment, (except Mr. John Huddleston, who did eminently Serve Us in Our Escape from Worcester) That they do before the Twenty fifth day of March next ensuing, depart out of this Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed; and that they or any of them, or any other such Priests or Jesuites, do not after the said Twenty fifth day of March, presume to come or return into Our said Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick, upon pain of having the Penalties of the Laws and Statutes of this Our Realm inflicted upon them: And for their better means to depart accordingly, We do hereby Declare and Publish Our further Will and Pleasure, That if at any time before the said Twenty fifth day of March, they or any of them shall resort to the Town or Port of Berwick, or to any Port-Town of Our said Kingdom of England, or Dominion of Wales, and there declare himself to the Magistrate of the Town, or the Officers of any Port, that he is a Priest, and that he is there to take Shipping for his passage, they shall suffer him or them quietly to depart, and shall see them Shipt and sent away for Foreign Ports, and give them their furtherance for their departure. And to the end this Our Proclamation may be the better observed and obeyed, We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Our Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, Commissioners, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, and all other Our Officers and Ministers whatsoever, That they be circumspect and vigilant each of them in their several Charges, from and after the said Twenty fifth day of March next, in searching for, and discovering all such Jesuites and Priests as aforesaid, as shall presume to remain or come into Our said Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick, contrary to Our Royal Pleasure and Command herein declared, that so the Laws may be put in due Execution against them.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Fifth day of *February*, 167⅘. in the Seven and twentieth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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